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**Ministry of Social Development and Family Services**



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### **Minister of Social Development and Family Services meets with Blind Welfare Association Executive**

“The Government of Trinidad and Tobago is committed to ensuring that the Trinidad and Tobago Blind Welfare Association and persons with disabilities have access to the services they require,” said newly appointed Minister of Social Development and Family Services, the Honourable Camille Robinson-Regis, during a courtesy call on the Trinidad and Tobago Blind Welfare Association (TTBWA) earlier today.

Minister Robinson-Regis and a team from the Ministry including Acting Deputy Permanent Secretary June Belle, Personal Advisor, Walda Dottin-Matthew, Director of the Disability Affairs Unit, Sharon Rogers and Manager of Finance and Administration at the NGO Unit, Liz Mazelie-Nicholas met with the (TTBWA) to discuss key focal areas where the Ministry can provide support.

Kenneth Suratt, Executive Officer, Trinidad and Tobago Blind Welfare Association, in extending a warm welcome to the Minister, commended her and the Government of Trinidad and Tobago, for advancements made thus far, including the introduction of Polymer notes, which has features that are tactile and allows the visually impaired the ability to recognise same; as well as the recently signed MOU with the National Library and Information System (NALIS), to facilitate access to published works for persons who are blind, visually impaired or otherwise print disabled (VIPs).

Minister Robinson-Regis indicated to TTBWA President Mr. Suratt, that part of the Ministry’s mandate is to enable an acceptable standard of living for all citizens. She also assured that the Ministry remains committed to partnering with its key stakeholder agencies toward improvement in the lives of vulnerable persons.





Blind Welfare President Kenneth Suratt presents Minister of Social Development and Family Services, The Hon. Camille Robinson-Regis with the Association's 2020 Calendar. Looking on at left is DPS at the Ministry June Belle and Association Executive Member Floyd Lalite.



Discussing Matters of mutual interest: Minister Robinson-Regis joins Ministry Officials for a courtesy call on Blind Welfare Association.



Blind Welfare Association Officials greet the New Minister of Social Development and Family Services

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